

# Pine Mountain Lake Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program

**Contact Information** 

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#### Marina Store Operating Hours:

Season	Marina Hours	Launch Reservations
Sept. 2 – April (Mon-Fri)	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	8:15 AM – 3:30 PM
May 1 – May 23 (7 days/wk)	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	8:15 AM – 4:00 PM
May 24 – Sept. 1 (7 days/wk)	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM	7:15 AM – 6:00 PM



# **Pine Mountain Lake Boat Inspection Seals**



### What Are Inspection Seals Used For?

Inspection seals are an essential part of the **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program**. These seals help ensure that boats and trailers are **clean**, **drained**, **and dry** before reentering the lake, preventing the introduction of invasive species such as quagga, zebra, and golden mussels.

Pine Mountain Lake is using green seals for low-risk vessels. When a boat exits Pine Mountain Lake a PML inspector will examine the boat and trailer to ensure they are **clean and drained**. A green seal will be attached through the hull of the boat and trailer, ensuring that the vessel remains secured until its next launch. The inspector will issue a receipt (via email or text) with a matching serial number to the seal. Red seals are used for vessels that are high risk and that do not pass inspection. A red seal indicates the vessel requires quarantine.

If a boat has an inspection green seal, it provides a faster re-entry process for those returning to PML after being previously inspected and sealed. However, even with a seal, the verification process is still required to maintain lake safety. If the seal is missing, broken, or tampered with, the boat will require a full re-inspection at a future date.

Inspection seals are **free of charge** and are provided at the time of inspection when a boat exits the lake. If your boat was sealed at another lake, that's completely fine—Pine Mountain Lake has access to the shared database containing seal and inspection records. As long as the seal is intact and accompanied by a valid receipt with a matching serial number, PML can verify the information and expedite your launch process.



# **What Members Can Expect**

# PML Boat Launching Protocols

# Arriving at the Marina Gate for a Launch Appointment

There are three protocols for launching your boat, depending on the vessel type (motorized or nonmotorized) and seal color (red or green). Upon arrival, a Marina Attendant will greet you, verify your appointment, and guide you through the next steps. Please note that standard Marina gate procedures remain in effect (see Resolution #03.01 for details).

### **Key Points:**

- If you arrive early, you may be asked to return at your scheduled time.
- If you do not have a scheduled appointment, you will need to call the Marina Office to check for availability and schedule a future launch.

# **Protocol 1** - **Boat Launch Appointment with a Seal**

- Receipt Verification
  - Members must present the receipt from when the seal was originally placed on the vessel.
- Seal Inspection and Removal
  - The Inspector will inspect the seal to ensure it is intact and unaltered.
  - If verified, the seal will be removed.
- Clearance to Launch
  - After successful verification and seal removal, the member will be cleared to proceed to the launch ramp.

# Protocol 2 - Boat Launch Appointment Without a Seal

- Exiting the Vehicle
  - Members must park, turn off, and exit their vehicle.

#### • Initial Vessel Inspection

- The inspector will verify that the drain plug is unplugged from the vessel.
- Internal Vessel Inspection
  - $_{\circ}$   $\,$  Members must:
    - 1. Remove all life jackets, toys, ropes, skis, etc. (if present).
    - 2. Open all compartments for inspection.
  - The inspector will enter the vessel to examine inside compartments and anchor.
  - The vessel must be **CLEAN**, **DRAINED**, and **DRY**.
- External Vessel and Trailer Inspection
  - A second inspector will conduct a thorough external inspection.
- Completion of Inspection
  - The inspection will be finalized, and members will receive a receipt via email or text.
- Inspection Results & Documentation
  - If the vessel **passes**, the member will be cleared to launch.
  - If the vessel fails, a red seal will be placed on the vessel. Members must CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY the vessel and quarantine it for 15 days. After 15 days, a reinspection appointment may be scheduled.
  - **Quarantine Rule:** The vessel must remain CLEAN, DRAINED, and DRIED, and must not enter any other bodies of water during this period.

# Protocol 3 - Launching a Non-Motorized Vessel (Kayak, Paddleboard, Canoe, etc.)

#### No appointments are necessary for non-motorized vessel inspection.

The Marina, Lake Lodge, and Dunn Ct. beaches will have a designated Marina Attendant to inspect non-motorized vessels. Upon arrival, please locate the Marina Attendant wearing a yellow inspector vest for check-in and inspection. They will be located on the sand near the shoreline.

#### • Provide Vessel Registration

- Members must present a current PML vessel registration.
- If the vessel is not registered, members must visit the Marina Office for registration before launching.
- Non-property owners are not permitted to launch their personal watercraft in PML (see Resolution #05.01 for details). They will be informed of available rental options located at the Marina Store.

#### • Vessel Inspection

• The Marina Attendant will inspect the vessel to ensure it is **CLEAN, DRAINED, and DRIED.** 

#### • Launch Approval

- If the vessel passes inspection, the member will be cleared to launch.
- If the vessel fails inspection, it may not be launched. The member will be instructed to:
  - 1. **Clean** off visible debris, plants, and mud.
  - 2. Drain all standing water.
  - 3. **Dry** the vessel completely in full sun.

# **BOATS, TRAILERS & GEAR STOP INVASIVE SPECIES**

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#### Additional Resources

Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers: <u>www.stopaquatichitchhikers.org</u> Clean. Drain. Dry: <u>www.cleandraindry.org</u> Play Clean Go: <u>www.playcleango.org</u> Habitattitude: <u>www.habitattitude.net</u> Don't Let it Loose: <u>www.dontletitloose.com</u>